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WHAT ABOUT THE SOLDIERS?

Every war in the history of our country has brought a tremendous problem before the people—that of properly caring for the returned soldiers. And this is one of the gravest problems that face the United States as a nation today.

Many of the boys never came home. Many came home hopelessly maimed and unable to take care of themselves. Many more, who were apparently healthy, are now breaking down as the direct result of the hardships they endured while they were in service.

And these men must be taken care of—it must be done immediately.

Added to these are thousands of men who are disabled to such an extent that they are unable to return to their former occupations. And aside from all these there is a whole army of men who have never really settled down to work since the war. Most of them were energetic, hard workers, but they dropped everything and gladly did their bit. Many of them served long after the hostilities had ceased, and returned to find conditions entirely changed during their absence. Through no fault of their own, many of them have never been able to adjust themselves to post-war conditions.

Thus it is that the government is now confronted with the gravest problem of a generation.

President Harding is very wisely investigating the conditions that exist among ex-service men, with the view of giving immediate relief to those in need.

There is no doubt that the soldier deserves cooperation. Some need financial assistance; some need good hospital care; others vocational training, while still others need most of all a new start.

Right here in New Mexico lies a logical solution for the problem. In this state there are thousands of acres of government land that have been opened up for homestead entry, and many thousands more that have not yet been opened.

Why not give this land to the ex-service men?

Gradually the disabled soldiers are being cared for—given training and hospital care, but even they, with the ones who were fortunate to return home whole, are entitled to some consideration from the country they fought to protect.

The government wants this land settled up, and it will be settled up as quickly through the soldiers, and even more so, than under the present plan.

Why not give a section of this land to each ex-service man—give it to him unconditionally, with no strings tied to it—it's little enough to do for him.

THE BETTER PLAN

The day for raising beef cattle profitably on the small farms of New Mexico has passed. With lands at the prices they have reached it is near an impossibility to make much revenue from raising beef cattle. The better plan is for the farmers to supply themselves with a good grade of dairy cattle that will bring in a much greater revenue during the year.

WHY NOT?

Right now there is a lot of talk in the Texas plains papers about dividing Texas, owing to the fact that the more thickly settled part of the state does not give West Texas a square deal. Western Texas and other portions of the state are entirely differ-

ent as to resources and the state really should be divided. A little sentiment has kept this from being done in times gone by, but the time will come in the opinion of the News, when there will be a state known as "West Texas" and it will be a good one, too.

MAKING THE "HOME TOWN"

They tell the story—illustrating lack of vision—of the man who returned from his first visit to New York, and remarked that he could not see the city on account of the high buildings.

And the inference was drawn that he had looked upon the city and didn't know it, when he looked upon those buildings.

But he didn't. Buildings don't make the city or the town. It's the PEOPLE who live there that do that. Remove the people and leave the buildings and the town is gone.

A town can be nothing more or less than the reflection of its citizenship.

And when they say that a town is "dead" they are simply declaring that the business men of that town lack nothing but a decent burial.

That is a thought that should be pounded into the heads of business men everywhere. Houses, stores, churches, theatres, etc., do not make a town.

Pound that eternally home, and the business man will be slow to say "My town is dead" because he won't feel like admitting that he is ready for the embalmer.

When you see a big rock rolling ponderously up a steep hill, you know without going back of it to look that there is some force back there that is pushing to beat the band.

And when you see a town that is going forward steadily and surely, overcoming the obstacles that every growing community has to encounter, riding down its old time, good-enough-for-father-and-good-enough-for-me abstractionists, you will know beyond the question of a doubt that good men and true are behind that movement, and that they have their shoulders to the job.

Because towns and cities can be only what their citizens make them.

You say: "That town has wonderful possibilities" and it's all bosh. Human possibilities are made; nothing else. They say: "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." But the fact is that a skillful workman can make a purse out of a sow's ear that has a silk purse skinned to death.

Half a loaf to a wise man is better than a whole bakery to the fellow who does not realize the value of his possessions.

You say: "My town is dead," and you immediately contribute toward its burial ceremonies. Your town is what you and the other business men of your town think it is, and work to make it.

Remember—it isn't your town—it's YOU!

Make your town what you would like to see it.

Tucumcari will vote on the question of having the commission form of municipal government at a special election to be held on the 19th. Senator Zinn of that city is the author of the new commission government law passed by the last session of the legislature and Tucumcari is the first town to vote on the proposition.

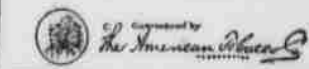
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DIVISION OF TEXAS REVIVED.

When the West Texas Press Association meets in Amarillo this month one of the matters to be discussed, according to reports, is the division of Texas in such a way as to separate West Texas from the rest of the state.

Some of the journalistic forces which have tried almost every other expedient in an effort to secure favorable legislation for the western part of the state, plan to make the agitation for division strong this time.

It has been discussed, more or less at random, for the past 20 years and nothing has ever been done about it. It has been a long standing complaint that Texas legislators never knew there was a west Texas and declined to credit information to that effect.

West Texas now has enough assessed valuation of property and enough population to stand on its own feet as a state, but even if division could be accomplished immediately, the concerns would be that this would be a poor time to set up a new state capital and put a whole heavy of new state officials into office.

Since division could not be accomplished immediately, however, there is no harm in reviving the issue and keeping it alive.

Governor Pat M. Neff has been quick to admit the justice of one demand in the resolution adopted by several thousand west Texans at Sweetwater. He agrees West Texas should be redistricted to provide more adequate representation in the legislature and he says he will insist that it be done.

The resolution threatened action to separate west Texas from the rest of the state unless better representation were provided and unless the western part of the state were allowed educational institutions more near-

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ly in proportion to the taxes paid by this part of the state.

The latter half of that proposition is embarrassing to the governor at this time when he has just vetoed the \$50,000 appropriation for a West Texas A. & M. College. His explanation that he vetoed the appropriation because he did not favor new state investments or the creating or enlarging of institutions when general financial conditions are as they are now, might pass muster with west Texans if they had not read of his approval of an appropriation of \$1,300,000 for the enlargement of the University of Texas.—El Paso Herald.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

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Hazel M. Sharpnack,
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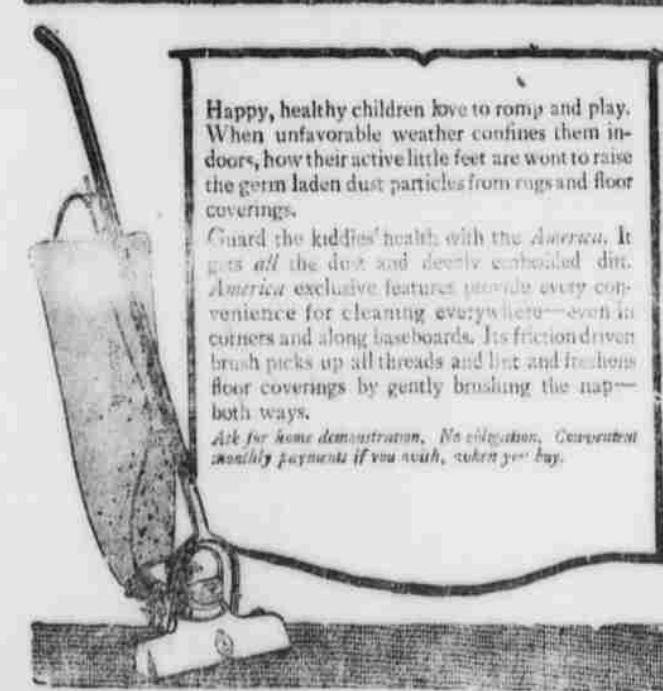
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